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1. According to informant, the following persons are the most active and dangerous members of the illegal Iraqi Communist Party:

> Zaki Khayri Yehudi Ibrahim Sadiq Masrur Qattan Yusuf Aslan Zluf 'Abd-al-Razzaq Qaisi

All the above-mentioned persons, with the exception of Zluf, are now in the custody of the Iraqi police, awaiting trial.

- From 11-14 November over sixty Communists were arrested in Baghdad, and further widespread arrests were expected on 15 November.
- According to informant, the police seized virtually all the records of the National Liberation Party (Hizb al-Watani al-Taharrur).
- h. Thus far the arrests have not produced any documentary evidence of a connection between the Iraqi Communist Party and Moscow, nor has there been evidence of a connection between the Iraqi Communists and Soviet agents.

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